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In Washington D.C.

Rev. Dunn Gives Testimony

Reverend Frank Dunn of Valley Community Church, Feeding Hills, and President of the American Institute of Religion, has been invited to Washington this week to present the Institute's program to set up a community organization to solve the crime and juvenile delinquency problems in the communities.

Senator Edward Kennedy has asked Rev. Dunn to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Committee is presently considering the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration Bill for 1979-80 with a proposed appropriation of some \$850 million.

Mr. Dunn has already sent the Judiciary Committee some 25 pages of material dealing with the Institute's solution to crime in America. In the proposal, Mr. Dunn suggests the need for all-out support from all the leaders in every community.

Senator Kennedy, Chairman of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee has incorporated into the bill \$25 million a year for the next four years for Community Anti-Crime projects. This is the area in which the Institute proposes to operate.

When appearing in Washington, Mr. Dunn will outline a plan for utilization of thousands of volunteers in the larger cities and suggest how these will be trained by a large number of consultants and specialists who will visit these communities for the specific purpose of getting field workers to know what needs to be done and how the various jobs will be accomplished.

A number of committees and sub-committees will be appointed in each city who will be responsible for the work in a variety of areas such as recreation, drug abuse prevention, youth employment, court procedures, parole and probation operations, prison and jail visitation and so on.

Mr. Dunn will recommend to the committee that each City's Citizen body be organized with officers, board of directors, an adequate staff full time and some forty to fifty committees and sub-committees.

The program will be monitored daily by telephone and teletype. The Institute will recommend that it will be the Monitor. This is to assure each community that everything will be done according to plan and nothing



Rev. Dunn

will be left out which ought to be put into operation.

The Institute will recommend that the program be tested in twelve cities of varying population categories for a three-year period and with the favorable results which are anticipated, a second group of twenty-five cities will embark on their first year in the Fall of 1980 with 100 or more cities taking off on the program in the Fall of 1981.

Mr. Dunn will suggest the need for an annual seminar of all leaders of all cities engaged in the program and along with this he will suggest an Annual Manual of Community Action which will contain the best workable ideas of all the participating communities.

The Institute will recommend that a White House Conference on Crime be held in late April or early May; that some seventy-five cities of varying size be invited to come and that some six representatives be asked to represent each community -

with an innovation, three of the six persons will be civic leaders the first time this has been done in the history of crime conferences.

The Institute will recommend a budget of not less than \$11 million for the first year of the test with an asking for an immediate \$1.1 million to make ready for the kick-off of the national program in October. The President and others will be invited to participate and it is expected that Governors, Senators, and Congressmen, invited to representing the twelve communities will be present to make the kick-off even more significant.

Mr. Dunn will inform the listening Senators of the fact that more than FORTY CITIES have approved this Plan or the earlier one called TOTAL MOBILIZATION which aimed only at crime and delinquency whereas COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION seeks to solve all the problems which vex the community.

School Committee Accepts Plans

After lengthy discussion and the late arrival of Committee member Tom Ennis, the School Committee voted Tuesday 4-3 to accept

the final plans for the \$4 million high school renovation and expansion. The project is scheduled to begin in June of this year.

The special session of the School Committee was called for the specific purpose of voting on the plans as presented by architect Alfred Casella. The town is scheduled to receive 50 percent state reimbursement for the project if ground is broken before the end of the present fiscal year - June 30th.

The project, which has been in the planning stages for three years, includes the

Beltrandi Says Residents, Businesses Will Benefit From Business Park

"The entire community can certainly benefit from the Business Park once we can get it underway", noted local developer John Beltrandi in an interview with the Advertiser/News.

Beltrandi and partner, Leon Charkoudian of Newton, have proposed an estimated 55 million dollar Business-Industrial and Residential Park on 255 acres of land off South-West Street in Feeding Hills. Beltrandi stressed emphatically the complex would provide Agawam with a sound economy for many years to come.

"The town has been saying for years that it does not have a strong business base. A complex such as this is just what Agawam needs. We're looking towards the future of the town with this plan," Beltrandi said.

According to Beltrandi, Agawam lacks a fluid cash flow which can firmly stabilize the local economy. He stated that a number of major firms located in the proposed Business Park would stimulate a new and active commercial climate for the town.

The developer readily acknowledged the proposal has caused a significant amount of controversy throughout the town. He is hoping that a study currently being conducted by the State's Department of Economic Affairs will provide residents the answers to many questions they feel need addressing.

The report, according to Beltrandi, will include data on the impact a major Business Park would have on the tax base, something all residents must seriously consider.

Another aspect of the Department's study will

reveal the number of permanent jobs the complex will produce upon completion. Beltrandi said the report's final draft may arrive before the Planning Board's April 5 public hearing that is slated to review his proposition.

Beltrandi said that if the rezoning of the land goes through the Town Council, the purchase of the property and the money needed to improve it would come from a "participating bank package". This includes securing an initial bank to put a portion of the purchase money. The remainder of the needed funds would then be attained from four other banks. This transaction is called a "Five Part Participating Loan".

"I hope this will clear up once and for all that there are no mysterious backers involved in the Business Park", Beltrandi commented. "There have been wild rumors all around town that we will receive the money to purchase the land from some nameless individuals who just want to make a fast deal and run. Believe me, these banks are well established and astute run businesses."

Beltrandi revealed he has solicited a wide amount of interest from banks in the Springfield and Boston area to finance the purchasing of the 255 acres. "These banks see the Business Park as a viable investment for their business. There is no way in the world they would become involved in anything that wasn't well planned", Beltrandi added.

From a business standpoint on the local level, the Business Park's co-sponsor firmly believes that merchants, tradesmen and residents around town seeking employment will reap the rewards of a thriving commercially based complex, such as this. Beltrandi said he will also do everything in his power to insure that small businessmen in town are not negatively effected by the retail portion of the Park.

"The impression of my meeting with members of the Agawam Businessman's Association told me that many local merchants are looking forward to a complex like this coming into town. I hope to meet with the ABA in

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Agawam Men Attempt Rescue



Bob Bannon and Gary Suffriti
by Gail Loneto

Gary Suffriti of 634 Springfield Street and Robert Bannon of the Stockade Apartments at 619 Springfield Street recently assisted in removing a 70-year-old man from his burning apartment.

Gary, who lives a short distance from the Stockade Apartments, heard an explosion which was followed by billowing smoke coming from the Springfield Street apartments. He ran toward the smoke and arrived at the burning apartment at the same time as Robert Bannon, a neighbor of 70-year-old Arnold Ackiss, was attempting to kick in the door to the burning apartment.

Both men made several attempts to drag Mr. Ackiss to safety, but were hindered by boxes and furniture blocking their way to the

unconscious man. After clearing a path to Ackiss, they were able to remove him from the flames toward the door, where firemen and police finished taking the unconscious man from the flaming apartment.

Gary Suffriti and Fireman Hugh Kerr sustained minor injuries from the fire.

When asked why he went into the blazing apartment, Gary Suffriti replied, "I just couldn't leave him in there; we had to get him out."

He went on to say, "The fire department did a great job. They had the fire under control in no time and prevented it from spreading."

Shortly after being brought to the hospital, Arnold Ackiss died despite the heroic attempts by all concerned to save him.

Parent Drug Seminar Scheduled

On Wednesday, March 14th, a Drug and Alcohol abuse seminar will be held at the Agawam High School beginning at 7 p.m. The seminar is geared to parent education on drug and alcohol abuse.

Heading up the seminar are SPAN Center, the Agawam Health Department, the Agawam Youth Center, the Agawam Police Department, the Agawam School Department, and the Town Manager, Peter Caputo. Caputo will act as moderator.

All interested and concerned parents are urged to attend. Speakers will be Morton Stein from the Drug Abuse Foundation of Pioneer Valley, Inc. and James Shea from the Alcoholism Outpatient Center.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

March 14 thru 20

Wednesday

6:30 EAT MY DUST (PG-1:30)
8:00 THE EVIL (R-1:30)
9:30 Collegiate Gymnastics:
NEBRASKA & OKLAHOMA
AT IOWA STATE (Tape Delay)
10:30 THE DOMINO PRINCIPLE
(R-1:40)
12:30 THE EVIL (R-1:30)

Thursday

6:30 Special:
CLARENCE DARROW
8:00 CATASTROPHE (PG-1:32)
9:30 Standing Room Only:
DOUBLE TALK: The Second
Annual Adult Ventriloquism
and Comedy Show
11:00 LOOKING FOR
MR. GOODBAR (R-2:15)
1:15 Special:
DISCO BEAVER FROM
OUTER SPACE

Friday

5:30 Special:
THE GREAT CONSUMER
RIP-OFF
6:30 OLLY OLLY OXEN FREE
(G-1:28)
8:00 THE OTHER SIDE OF
THE MOUNTAIN - PART II
(PG-1:45)
10:00 LEOPARD IN THE SNOW
(PG-1:29)
11:30 FUNNY LADY (PG-2:18)

Saturday

2:30 Standing Room Only:
DOUBLE TALK: The Second
Annual Adult Ventriloquism
and Comedy Show
4:00 CATASTROPHE (PG-1:32)
5:30 HERE COME THE TIGERS
(PG-1:30)
7:00 Collegiate Gymnastics:
NEBRASKA AND OKLAHOMA
AT IOWA STATE (Tape Delay)
8:00 Special:
AN EVENING IN CONCERT
WITH GLEN CAMPBELL
9:00 THE EVIL (R-1:30)
10:30 THE FURY (R-1:57)
12:30 MADAME ROSA (R-1:45)

Sunday

2:30 A PIECE OF THE ACTION
(PG-2:15)
5:00 Special:
CLARENCE DARROW
6:30 EAT MY DUST (PG-1:30)
8:00 REVENGE OF THE PINK
ANOTHER (PG-1:39)
10:00 Special:
CLARENCE DARROW
11:30 HARPER VALLEY P.T.A.
(PG-1:42)

Monday

6:30 Standing Room Only:
DOUBLE TALK: The Second
Annual Adult Ventriloquism
and Comedy Show
8:00 Collegiate Gymnastics:
INDIANA STATE AT
PENN STATE (Tape Delay)
9:00 THE OTHER SIDE OF
THE MOUNTAIN - PART II
(PG-1:45)
11:00 Standing Room Only:
DOUBLE TALK: The Second
Annual Adult Ventriloquism
and Comedy Show
12:30 EMBRYO (PG-1:44)

Tuesday

6:30 LEOPARD IN THE SNOW
(PG-1:29)
8:00 Special:
UPCLOSE
9:00 Special:
AN EVENING IN CONCERT
WITH GLEN CAMPBELL
10:00 THE EVIL (R-1:30)
11:30 THE FURY (R-1:57)

Cable Operation Sold

The sale of the 400-mile cable television system serving some 20,000 subscribers in Agawam, Holyoke, South Hadley, West Springfield, and Westfield was announced recently in a joint statement issued by current owner, Colony Communications, Inc., and the purchaser, Commonwealth Cablevision Corp., a newly-formed company which plans to establish its headquarters in these communities.

Colony purchased the 620-subscriber South Hadley system in 1969, building an additional 29 miles of plant, and completing construction of the 101-mile Holyoke system in 1972.

In 1975, Colony purchased the adjoining systems in Agawam, Westfield, and West Springfield and subsequently had built over 50 additional miles of plant.

Colony Communications currently serves 38 communities in five states with over 91,000 subscribers, including systems in New Bedford, Woburn, Stoneham, Wilmington, Billerica, and Burlington, Massachusetts. In addition, Colony is currently constructing systems in Lowell, Fall River, and Falmouth, Mass., and Hialeah, Florida.

Commonwealth Cablevision Corporation, the purchaser, is headed by Roderick Macleod, Mr. Macleod, educated at Duke University and the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, was, in the earlier part of his career, CATV loan officer of the New

England Merchants National Bank of Boston.

In 1972, he joined Continental Cablevision as director of corporate development. Continental Cablevision is the nation's twelfth largest cable company. In his years with that company, Mr. Macleod supervised the construction of over 1,000 miles of cable plant in California and Michigan and managed systems serving over 40,000 subscribers.

He left Continental to found his own cable television company, Commonwealth Cablevision Corporation, this past year. Continental will be a minority stockholder in this new firm.

Mr. Macleod plans to establish Commonwealth's corporate headquarters here in these communities and to live here with his wife and thirteen-year-old son and twelve-year-old daughter.

Macleod foresees no changes in the operations and management of the system. He said, "Colony has built a fine organization, staffed by enthusiastic and capable individuals, and I see no need to make any changes. Our concentration will be on the expansion of the system and the continued development of new services over a period of time which will make the cable television system more valuable to the communities."

The sale is subject to the approval of the issuing authorities (mayor, board of selectmen, town manager, as the case may be) of each of the five communities and to review by the Massachusetts Cable Commission in Boston.

School Lunch Menus

Agawam Menu

Tuesday, March 13: Apple juice, pizza w/cheese and hamburger topping, tossed salad w/shredded carrots and french dressing, chocolate pudding w/whip topping, milk.
Wednesday, March 14: Barbeque beef in bun, oven baked potato rounds, buttered green beans, sweet potato cake w/vanilla icing, milk.

Thursday, March 15: Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, cranberry sauce garnish, rye bread and butter, ice cream cup, milk.
Friday, March 16: Grape juice, baked ham and macaroni in spaghetti sauce, buttered niblet corn, garlic bread and butter, orange jello w/whip topping, milk.

Monday, March 19: Cup of soup, grilled cheese sandwich w/pickle chips, diced buttered carrots, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, March 20: Chilled juice, hamburger on roll, mustard & ketchup, buttered green beans, peach crisp, milk.

Wednesday, March 21: Oven roasted turkey in gravy, whipped potatoes, cranberry sauce, buttered peas & carrots, whole wheat bread & butter, jello w/whipped topping, milk.
Thursday, March 22: 1/2 tuna salad sandwich/1/2 peanut butter & jelly sandwich, oven baked potato rounds, buttered niblet corn, ice cream sandwich, milk.

Friday, March 23: Chilled lemonade, meat ball grinder w/tomato sauce topping, creamy cole slaw, sweet potato cake w/vanilla icing, milk.

Southwick Menu

Tues., March 13: No School

Wed., March 14: Beef & cheese pizza on English muffin, potato rounds w/catsup, tossed salad w/dressing, chocolate cake w/white icing, milk

Thurs., March 15: Homemade beef stew, cheese cubes, bread & butter or saltines, jello w/fruit & topping, milk
Fri., March 16: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato rice soup, potato chips, chilled peaches, milk

Monday, March 19: Oven baked frankfurter on roll, potato rounds, buttered peas, cookies, milk

Tuesday, March 20: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, shredded cheese, tossed green salad w/dressing, bread & butter, brownies w/peanut granules, milk

Wednesday, March 21: Barbequed beef on sesame seed roll, sweet pickle chips, French fries w/catsup, buttered green beans, strawberry jello w/topping, milk

Thursday, March 22: Sliced turkey on grinder roll w/lettuce & tomato, buttered mixed vegetables, peach turnover, milk
Friday, March 23: Cheese pizza, buttered corn, tossed green salad w/dressing, chilled applesauce, milk

Senior Center Lunch Menu

3/14: Ham and noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, jello
3/15: Lambettes, mashed potatoes, fresh cabbage, cheese cake
3/16: Creamed tuna over rice, tomatoes, fruit

3/19: Shepherd's pie, green lettuce, plums
3/20: Fresh garden pea soup, weiners in buns, blueberry pie
3/21: Pork choplets, sweet potatoes, broccoli, warm applesauce
3/22: Manicotti, turnips, fresh fruit
3/23: Fish squares, macaroni salad, spinach, chocolate cake

People who would like to get a ride to the library, please call early on Friday afternoon. This will be our "Library Day."

Early April we will have a trip (one bus only) to the Goodspeed Opera in East Haddam, Conn. The play is *Babe in Arms* by Rogers and Hart. As you probably know, this is the oldest summer opera in the country and has been nationally recognized. Lunch will be in the historical Gelston House. Total price: \$17.50. We will know the exact date by Tuesday, so give us a call. This will sell out quickly so if you like this kind of entertainment, don't wait.

Next hypertension clinic will be March 20; next nurses foot clinic will be March 15th.

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Point Cut \$1.69 lb.

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TV Forum at HCC

Children can learn a great deal in 15,000 hours of TV watching. Is that good or bad?

Find out at "TV and the American Family," a community forum co-sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Cooperative Extension Service and the New England Dairy and Food Council on Tuesday, March 20 from 7-9:30 p.m. at Holyoke Community College.

Hear the experts speak out on the pros and cons of TV watching; the effects of violence and sex stereotyping upon children; the impact of food advertisements; the status of FCC hearings and TV regulations; and ways to monitor TV programs.

The panel includes Kitty Broman, president of Channell 22; Edith Morgan, Action for Children's Television; Dr. Jennings Bryant, communications studies at UMASS; and Joanne Zitek, moderator, New England Dairy and Food Council.

Registration for this program, which is available to the public without regard to race, color, or national origin, is mandatory. Deadline date is March 14.

For further information, contact your Hampden County Cooperative Extension Service or the New England Dairy and Food Council.

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Mon-Sat 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sundays 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Students to be Dismissed Early

Students in grades K-12 will be dismissed from Agawam public schools one hour early on Thursday, March 22, so that teachers may attend workshops. There will be no afternoon kindergarten that day.

In addition, high school students only will be dismissed one hour early on Friday, March 23.

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Beltrandi Seeks Meetings With Citizen Groups

Local developer John Beltrandi, co-sponsor of the proposed Business-Industrial Park in Feeding Hills, is seeking to appear before local citizen groups that have criticized the project.

"I really would like to sit down and discuss all questions residents may have or to iron out some of the difficulties that cause them to oppose the Business Park," Beltrandi said. Beltrandi said it essential for all members of the community to be fully aware of the details

surrounding this proposal before passing final judgement.

Beltrandi believes his recent meeting with members of the Agawam Business Association was highly productive. He said he received a cordial and business like approach from the ABA members. "I believe that meetings such as this will clear up many of the fallacies circulating around town about the Business Park."

At a March 1 meeting of the Planning Board, members of

the Agawam Citizen's Together group and other interested residents of the community crowded the Town Hall hearing room to hear a scheduled discussion between Beltrandi and Planning Board members on his proposal which would rezone 255 acres of agricultural land for the Business Park.

According to ACT participants, their group was at the meeting to "listen and observe" to not only Beltrandi's proposal, but to

the Frank Solitario condominium complex tabbed for a South Street location.

Beltrandi said the hostile atmosphere at the meeting gave him no other choice but to postpone his presentation to the board. Solitario obviously had a similar contention since he also elected not to appear before the panel.

"I could feel the hostility that some people had when I first came up the stairs to come to the meeting. I felt that this warranted a postponement of talking to the Planning Board. There was just too much confusion in so small a room to make a proper presentation."

Beltrandi said he will meet with any person or group in Agawam to discuss any aspect of the Business Park. According to Beltrandi, there is an abundance of rumors and misconceptions floating around town concerning the project. He also explained some of the animosity directed at the Business Park stems from a number of individuals still fuming about Pheasant Hill Village, a low income housing complex he erected near the site selected for the Business Park.

"I think one of the things causing turmoil in town is the fact that Leon Charkoudian (Beltrandi's partner in the business park proposal) and I proposed Pheasant Hill a few years ago. I see many of the same people who opposed that as the same people vehemently opposing the business park."

Beltrandi defended the installation of some 200 units on the Pheasant Hill site which, according to the developer, will have little impact on the surrounding

abutters and at the same time, house senior citizens who no longer could afford the skyrocketing prices of home ownership.

"I wish some of those people who opposed Pheasant Hill had gone down to the Agawam Housing Authority and seen in excess of 100 of our townspeople, either senior citizens or disabled who were forever waiting for facilities they could afford. These facilities just were not there", Beltrandi explained.

"With Pheasant Hill," he continued, "there is now affordable housing for people who were residents of this town their entire lives. And in my opinion, the impact of Pheasant Hill Village on three single family homes in the abuttor zone is minimal."

The developer said that by the end of March, 34 of the 200 units will be quartering senior citizens. He further stated more applicants will be placed as soon as possible.

The Planning Board's April 5th public hearing on his requested zone change is expected to bring a standing room only crowd to the Jr. High school auditorium. Beltrandi hopes the Business Park can be discussed in an orderly fashion by all in attendance. He said nothing would be accomplished if the hearing becomes a disruptive public forum.

"I don't want to deal with hatchet groups or those trying to build a political base just because this is an election year. I sincerely hope that people will have enough respect for the Planning Board and the residents who genuinely want to discuss this matter in an adult way to keep away from abusive tactics at

the hearing."

"It's appalling to think that some people in Agawam are trying to speak for a large number of over tax burdened residents of this town that sometimes have unemployed husbands or other family members without work. They do not see that this opportunity will help the entire town and its economy become an alive and vibrant enterprise, to everyone's betterment."

WWLP To Operate Continuously

On the morning of March 17, 24-hour-a-day television comes to Western New England when WWLP Channel 22 will omit its usual sign-off and will inaugurate continuous operation around the clock.

The increased program service from Springfield's pioneering station coincides with the 26th birthday of WWLP, and according to Board Chairman William L. Putnam, is intended as an expression of gratitude for public support during those 26 years.

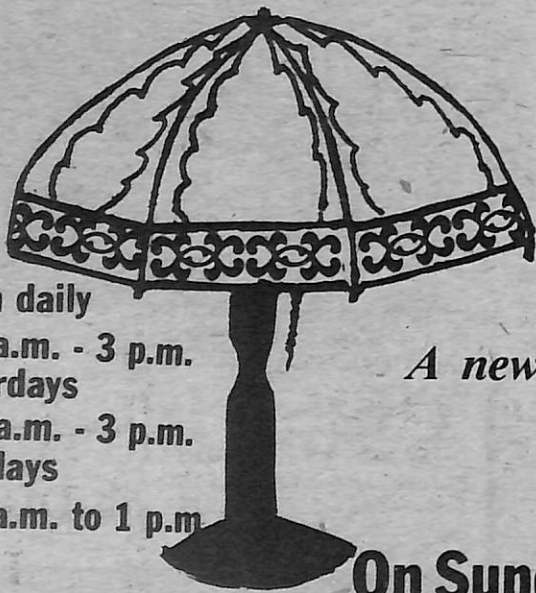
The four-hour period when the station has been dark, 2:00 to 6:00 a.m., will be programmed with feature films on weekends and a variety of syndicated programming and repeats of Channel 22 local productions on other nights. The only interruption in the continuous telecasting will be 1:00 to 6:00 a.m. Monday, when the station will be off the air to allow for maintenance work on transmitting equipment.



Alfred Longhi, Chairman of the Coffee Day for the Easter Seal Society is pictured above as he sells Town Manager Peter Caputo his 'Coffee Day' button. The button will entitle the wearer to a free cup of coffee at participating area restaurants on Friday, March 16th. photo by Jack Devine.

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Social

Charlene Maniscalchi Engaged to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Maniscalchi of 112 Brien Street, Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlene Ann, to David Scott Moretti, son of Mrs. Helen Moretti of Springfield and the late Orfeo Moretti.

The bride-elect was graduated from Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College, where she completed her degree in Early Childhood Education.

She is presently a nurse's assistant in the Agawam Public School System.

Mr. Moretti was graduated from Springfield Technical High School and Springfield Technical Community College, where he received his degree in data processing. He is employed at Connecticut On Line, Avon, Connecticut.

A June 8th wedding is planned.

Janet Penacook- John Liptak Wed



Mr. and Mrs. David V. Blagg of Dayton, Ohio, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Janet Ellen of Penacook, New Hampshire, to John Liptak of Concord, New Hampshire, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Liptak of 31 Brookline Avenue, Feeding Hills.

The ceremony took place on Saturday, February 17, in Our Lady of Fatima Church, New London, New Hampshire, with Rev. Robert Goodwin officiating. A

reception was held at Pleasant Lake Inn, New London, after which the couple left on a trip to Vermont and Montreal.

Mrs. Liptak is a teacher at Winnisquam Regional Middle School, Tilton. Mr. Liptak, a graduate of Agawam High School and Westfield State College, is a science teacher at Pembroke Academy.

The newlyweds have established residence in Penacook.

D'Arcy Cannava Named To Dean's List

D'Arcy Cannava, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Cannava of 145 Corey Colonial, Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Miami, Florida.

Miss Cannava is a senior at the college majoring in sociology and minoring in psychology. She is president of the Sociology Club, a member of the Alcohol Task Force, and a resident advisor.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 14, 1979
Agawam Community
Credit Union
Annual Meeting
VFW, South St.
7:30 p.m.

March 20, 1979
Agawam Jr. Women's
Club Meeting
Captain Leonard House
8:00 p.m.

March 20, 1979
Community Grange
Meeting
Grange Home, No. West
St., Feeding Hills
6:30 p.m.

March 14, 1979
Corned Beef &
Cabbage Supper
Lions Club
Agawam Middle School
5 PM to 7 PM

March 30, 1979
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Agawam High School

March 14, 1979
Peirce PTO Meeting
8 p.m.



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Jr. Women's Club to Hear Dr. Femiano

Sam Femiano, Ph.D., of the SPAN Center, will speak to the Agawam Junior Women's Club following their regular business meeting on Tuesday, March 20 at the Capt. Leonard House.

President Diana Willard will open the meeting at 8 p.m., and following this, Mrs. Charlotte Venturini, Public Affairs Chairman, will present Mrs. Patricia Guevin, editor of the *Agawam Advertiser/News*, with the club's "Woman in the Public Eye" award.

Mrs. Guevin is being cited in the popular election for her outstanding contributions to the town of Agawam in the field of journalism. There were many nominations received by the club during January and February, according to Mrs. Venturini.

but Mrs. Guevin was the favorite nominee of the majority of the townspeople who voted.

At 9 p.m., Program Chairman Joann Maneri will present Dr. Femiano, who plans to speak on "Assertiveness: Theory, Behavior, and Practical Exercises in Assertion." Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Penny Stone, Education Chairman and hostess for the evening.

All meetings of the Agawam Junior Women's Club are open to the public, and any interested women of the community are welcome to attend. The club is a member of the M.S.F.W.C. and G.F.W.C. and welcomes new members throughout the year.

Community Grange to Meet

Community Grange will meet Tuesday evening, March 20th in the Grange Home on North West Street, Feeding Hills.

A covered dish supper will be served at 6:30 to which all Grange members are invited. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sosnowich are in charge of the supper and would like to hear from all who plan to attend in order to make arrangements for food.

During the business

meeting, the 3rd and 4th degrees will be conferred on a class of six candidates. Lillian McDonald will fill the master's chair when the 3rd degree is worked. The regular officers will confer the 4th degree with Pauline Sosnowich as master.

A rehearsal for both degrees will be held on Sunday, March 18th at 7:00 in the Grange Home.

Agawam Women in Bermuda

Three students from Agawam attending Bay Path Junior College, Longmeadow, will participate in that college's 1979 Bermuda Trip during spring vacation, March 17-23.

The three Agawam women are Antoinette Wojnarowicz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wojnarowicz of Senator Avenue, who is enrolled in the Legal Secretary program; Gina M. Nicora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester J. Nicora of Old

Mill Road, who is enrolled in the Certified Professional Secretary program; and Pamela L. Grasso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Grasso of Meadow Street, who is enrolled in the Fashion Merchandising and Retail Management program.

One hundred and eleven students, accompanied by the dean of the college, will stay at the Elbow Beach Hotel in Paget, Bermuda, for College Week activities.

Peirce PTO to Meet

The Peirce School PTO will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 14th at 8 p.m. at the school.

A short business meeting with nominations for next year's officers will be brought before the membership. Following that, there will be a discussion with the special education department - the

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State Rep. Edward Connelly was feted at a dinner held in his honor recently at Chez Josef in Agawam. Over 850 people were in attendance to pay tribute to Connelly for his outstanding service to his district and to the State of Massachusetts. Present at the event were such dignitaries as Gov. Edward King, left; Connelly, his wife, Ruth, and Speaker of the Mass. House Thomas McGee. photo by Jack Devine.

Secretaries Association To Meet

The March meeting of the Springfield Chapter of the National Secretaries Association (International) will be held on Wednesday, March 21 at the Colosseum Banquet House, West Springfield, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30, and President Dee Calabrese will call the meeting to order at 7:30.

The program for the evening will consist of a panel discussion on "Secretarial Ethics," which is an International suggested program.

Springfield Chapter meetings are open to all secretaries. Reservations may be made with Membership Chairman Louise Hannifin, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, State Street, Springfield.

Agawam Elementary Band to Perform

Agawam Elementary Band students (grade 5) are busily practicing their instrumental solos and participating in ensemble playing in anticipation of the upcoming Annual Solo and Ensemble Festival.

To accommodate this 90-piece beginner band, two days have been scheduled for their performances at the Junior High School - Tuesday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 21, according to the following schools and times: March 20, 1:30 p.m. - Granger March 20, 2:30 p.m. - Clark March 20, 3:15 - Danahy March 21, 1:30 - Phelps March 21, 2:30 - Robinson

Under the direction of their instructor, Mrs. Sally Lowell, each pupil, with piano accompaniment, will perform for adjudicator, David Baldock, who is Middle and

Junior High School band director. At the conclusion of each school performance, Mr. Baldock will present students with a written "comment sheet" with praise and suggestions for better playing.

Three schools, Robinson Park, Clark, and Danahy, have also scheduled Mini-Solo Festivals in their schools, where the "outstanding performers" will present a 30-minute concert for grades 4 and 5. These mini-festivals will take place as follows:

March 16, 9:30 a.m. - Robinson
March 20, 9:30 - Clark
March 21, 9:30 - Danahy

All parents and friends are cordially invited to attend any or all of the performances free of charge.

Agawam Girl Set For St. Patrick's Day

Miss Erin O'Brien, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis O'Brien of North Street, Feeding Hills, and a second-grade student at Peirce School, has been studying Irish Step Dancing for 2½ years at the McDermott School of Dance in Holyoke under the leadership of Maureen McDermott Ziskowski.

Step dancing is traditional in Ireland and is performed to the lilting tune of a jig or reel.

Each spring and summer, competitions called *feises* are held throughout New England. Erin, competing in her age group against from 30 to 125 other dancers, has won

14 first, second, and third place medals in the past two seasons.

The McDermott School dancers are very busy during the month of March providing entertainment for Irish nights sponsored by various organizations, performing at shopping malls, appearing on local television shows, and marching in Holyoke's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The dream of every step dancer is to qualify to compete in the championships held in Ireland. Maybe some day, Erin will achieve this dream.

AHS Band

Plans

Paper Drive

The Agawam High School Band and Color Guard will sponsor a newspaper drive on Friday, April 6, Saturday, April 7, and Sunday, April 8. Proceeds from the drive will be used for the spring festival competition at Wildwood, New Jersey, which will take place on May 12, 13, and 14.

All newspapers should be brought to the parking lot next to the band room. Anyone not able to bring his papers may call the band director, Mr. Davis, at 786-7356 after 5 p.m. or band parents Andre Mallette, 786-3858 after 5 p.m. or Louis Scherpa 786-0203 anytime.

High School To Hold Parents Night

On Monday, March 19th, from 7 to 9 p.m., Agawam Junior High School will hold Parents' Night. The administration and faculty cordially invite all parents to attend.

Teachers, guidance personnel, and administrators will be available for individual conferences

regarding each child's school progress. Conferences will be limited to five minutes so that all will have an opportunity to meet with teachers during the evening. A student secretary will arrange and time each conference.

Paper Drive Planned by Methodist Church

The Agawam Methodist Church, 459 Mill Street, will hold a paper drive on March 24th and 25th. Please bring

your papers and magazines to the containers. All proceeds will be used to help people in need.

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Mr. Peter Caputo sampled the Jr. Women's secret punch recipe this week at the home of Mrs. Aprille Soderman (left). The Jr. Women will be selling refreshments at the upcoming production of *A Flea in Her Ear* for their charity and scholarship benefit. Mrs. Barbara O'Connor, chairman for the event is pleased with the results. photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. Women to Serve Refreshments At Theatre Production

Agawam Town Manager Peter Caputo stated, "I think it's just marvelous that the Agawam Repertory Theater is returning to town, and I'm pleased to be able to help the Junior Women's Club with their plans for a benefit refreshment concession at the performances."

Mr. Caputo made these remarks when he was on hand last week to sample a trial punch recipe that the Agawam Juniors are planning to serve at the A.R.T. production of *A Flea in Her*

Ear on March 30, 31, April 6, and 7th.

The Agawam Junior High auditorium has been chosen by the A.R.T. as the "best" site for their full-scale production of the popular French comedy by George Feydeau. This French farce played to sell-out crowds recently when the Hartford Stage Company produced it so it is a "fitting" choice, inside sources revealed, for the return of A.R.T. to our community.

Mrs. Barbara O'Connor, first vice-president of the

Junior Women's Club and chairman of the Benefit Refreshment Committee, stated, "We are very pleased about the return of A.R.T., and we are excited to be able to help them out."

She said that her committee is planning hand-prepared desserts, finger sandwiches, and, of course, their special punch as part of the reception.

"This is one of our most substantial fundraisers of the year," Mrs. O'Connor mentioned, "and the money we raise will go to excellent use within our own community. Certainly we are very excited to work with A.R.T. on this community event, and I wish the best of luck to everyone involved!"

A.R.T. Patron's Seats will be available to Agawam residents for \$5 and may be purchased by calling Mrs. Diana Willard at 786-9128. She also has regular tickets available for \$4 per person for all who are interested.

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Final Library Review Board Meeting Ends in Controversy

by Gail Lonetto

The fourth and final meeting of the Library Review Board ended in controversy between the Review Board and the three representatives of the Agawam Business Association.

The Library Review Board composed of Chairman Rene Thomas, Thomas Coppola, Raymond Saracino, and Marilyn Curry, were appointed at the request of the Agawam Business Association, to investigate alleged irregularities in procedure used by the Library Building

Committee during construction of the \$800,000 Cooper Street Library.

After a twenty minute narrative by Paul Fieldstad, chairman of the Library Building Committee, which encompassed the formation of the three man building committee composed of Fieldstad, Richard Borgatti, and George Bickford and its participation in the library building project, questions were asked by the review board.

The representatives of the Agawam Business Association,

Arthur Leary, Jerry Zerra, and Joseph Napolitan, challenged the procedure used by the board during the meeting. Napolitan stated, "it is a waste of time for all concerned if all the questions submitted by the ABA are not asked, as was agreed upon during the last Review Board meeting."

Arthur Leary further stated that he felt that nothing could be resolved unless the specific questions submitted to the board were asked.

At this point Raymond Saracino of the review board asked the Library Building Committee if it would object to answering all the questions given to them by the ABA. Chairman Fieldstad answered, "for the general good of Agawam we will not answer the specific questions unless specific allegations are made."

The Library Building Committee agreed, however, to answer the questions if the review board submitted them in writing to the building committee. Fieldstad interjected that he would agree to the written questions, but he felt it was an unnecessary inconvenience.

Leary then lodged an informal protest to the review board after the close of the meeting stating, "the format continued on page 12"

School I.D. Cards O.K.'d

I.D. cards for Junior and Senior High School students were approved by the Agawam School Committee last week.

The cards, which would include photos, were requested by the school bus drivers as a deterrent to the recent and widespread discipline problems they are encountering.

Every student will be required to carry their card and show it to the bus driver when boarding the bus. Any student not carrying a card will not be allowed to the ride.

Carolyn Basset, a spokes-

person for the drivers, said that crowded conditions on the busses often arise when students ride busses other than the one assigned to them. She also said that students are apt to give phony names when reprimanded by the drivers for misconduct.

According to School Business Manager James Coon, start-up cost of the system would be approximately \$3900 for the first year, and \$800-900 each year thereafter.

The item will be included in the 1979-80 fiscal school department budget.

Catholic Womens Club Plans Dinner

The annual dinner meeting and show of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club will be held on Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in the social center of St. John's Church, Main Street.

Mrs. Robert Shoemaker and her committee have arranged for a roast breast of capon dinner to be catered by the Purple Onion. Following the business meeting, the club's talent show will take place under the direction of Mrs. John M. Morin and Mrs. James A. O'Keefe Sr.

Members of the all-star cast are Mrs. Joseph Cancelliere, Mrs. Robert Carney, Mrs. Gerald B. Cleary, Mrs.

Edmund Colby, Mrs. James Consolini, Mrs. Richard Conway, Mrs. Philip DeForge, Mrs. James E. Doyle, Mrs. Robert Frenette, Mrs. Richard E. Gingras, Mrs. Bruno Grabowski, Mrs. J. Rene Hamel, Mrs. Stephen Jacaparo, Mrs. Arnold Jerry, Mrs. Peter Longo, Mrs. Thomas J. McGovern, Mrs. John M. Morin, Mrs. James O'Keefe Sr., Mrs. Raymond Petty, Mrs. Louis Plante, Mrs. Roger Sherry, Mrs. Albert J. Taupier, and Mrs. James Taupier. Mrs. Dorcas Cirillo will play the piano accompaniment.

Members should have been contacted for reservations.

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the very near future to keep them fully informed of the progress of the overall plan. In fact I plan to invite them all to move their businesses into the Business Park if they so desire."

Beltrandi pointed out that the major Insurance Company is already very interested into setting up a regional office at the South-West Street site.

"This particular company is attempting to merge itself with two smaller companies. They hope to centralize their firm at this regional office. Because the price to run a business is so high these days, many companies all over the country are looking for the type of complex we are offering Agawam", Beltrandi pointed out.

As mentioned before, the developer has strong convictions that the great amount of skilled tradesmen the site would definitely need can only mean increased employment for local landscapers, construction workers, electricians, carpenters and the like. He again pledged his full support that the town's skilled labor force will receive a large portion of the potential contracts which come from the complex.

"This is a top priority on my list", Beltrandi related. "Any potential general contractor that comes into town will meet with local tradesmen to show that they need not go outside of Agawam. We have all the skilled labor they need right here. The town can only benefit in the long run from this."

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The Agawam Advertiser/News is pleased to announce a new weekly feature entitled *Kids Korner*. We feel the Agawam youngsters will enjoy having some input into their town newspaper.

Each week we will ask a question and invite any Agawam students to send in their answers. They may also submit their poetry through the mails.

We are opening this new feature with *St. Patrick's Day Wishes* as submitted by some of the students at Danahy School.

Kristina Candido
Grade 3

*With a little bit of luck
I wish that I was an outer space person
And I go in a space ship.
And I would even be green, with purple polka dots,
And even an antenna on my head.*

David Mailloux
Grade 3

*With a little bit of luck
I would like to be Superman.
I would fly over buildings and trees.
I could see through a roof with my X-ray vision.
I can see if the bank is being robbed.*

Melissa Barr
Grade 3

*With a little bit of luck
I can become a fluffy white cat.
And if a dog was chasing me,
I could climb up a tree.
I would be cared for and loved.*

Kristin Stone
Grade 3

*With a little bit of luck
I could fly around the whole world.
I could see Antarctica and Japan and China.*

Michael Wojcik
Grade 3

*With a little bit of luck
I would like to be the six-million-dollar man.
I could run up to 100 m.p.h.,
And I could lift 100,000 lbs. with a little bit of luck.*

Susan Brown
Grade 3

*With a little bit of luck
I would like to ride up to the sun
To see my shaky shadow.*

Sheri Bassette
Grade 3

*With a little bit of luck
I would like to be a lady cop
And arrest anybody that I don't like.*

Lisa Connery
Grade 3

*With a little bit of luck
I would ride a star around the universe
And visit all the planets
And talk to the people.*

Richard Parrott
Grade 3

*With a little bit of luck
I could catch a leprechaun
And find the gold
And be rich like Richy Rich
And buy an old-fashioned car
And I hope it will be \$100,000.*

Christina Letellier
Grade 3

*With a little bit of luck
I want to be a rabbit, a brown rabbit.
With a little bit of luck
I wish I was a grown-up so no one can boss me around.*

Michael Martin
Grade 4

*I saw a very stiff tree
Gleaming in its own shadow
Iced cold in its place*

*This weeks question:
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Conservation Commission to Review Developments

The Agawam Conservation Commission upon the request of the Planning Board will conduct a survey on areas designated in the proposals of Developer John Beltrandi and Frank Solitario.

The Beltrandi project is a Business-Industrial Park that will consume 255 acres of land off South West Street in Feeding Hills. Marshland, a brook and a major pond are found on the proposed site for the Business complex.

Solitario is proposing a Condominium complex on South Street. There are two brooks flowing through the Solitario site, with the largest being the Worthington Brook.

At the March 8 meeting of the Commission, Chairman Ronald Lech said the reports submitted to the Planning Board would have to be of the general commentary variety since the Commission has not seen any concrete plans for either development.

"The problem is that we are working without the specific plans. But I'm sure we can come up with some sound comments for the Planning Board before their public hearing." The Solitario public hearing, under the auspices of the Planning Board, is slated for March 29, while the proposed zone change by Beltrandi is scheduled for an April 5 date.

Richard Stapleton, a former advisor to the Conservation Commission volunteered to conduct the Solitario survey. Board member Kenneth Dean will also look into the Solitario matter.

Stapleton said it was not practical to build houses on the Solitario tract but condominium units could be put into the site without much trouble.

"It could be an ideal spot to put in condominiums", Stapleton told the Commission. "It is a very attractive area and condominiums could be the best possible use for this land."

Stapleton added that Solitario would have to submit a precise blueprint to indicate the location of the condominium units.

"If they can be kept away from the slopes and brooks, its a nice location for these units", Stapleton pointed out. Lech mentioned that the Commission probably will express some general concerns on the two brooks in this area. "It's feasible to put condominiums in depending on their location." Lech added in reference to the Solitario proposal.

Lech assumed responsibility for conducting a survey on the Beltrandi Business Park. "There are a couple of brooks, ponds and areas of wetlands that need to be examined. The plot map of the area has no buildings cited, therefore my report can't be too specific," Lech explained.

According to Board member Robert Sealise, the developers will have to submit precise engineering plans to determine if there is a flood potential in the zoned areas. Sealise said these plans must be acceptable to both the Conservation Commission and the Town Engineering Department headed by Jack Stone.

When questioned about the engineering plan, developer John Beltrandi said that the basis of this report to the Commission and the Town Engineer would be an earlier study done by a tobacco company attempting to put in condominium units a few years ago.

Beltrandi said this report extensively researched the environmental impact the proposed condominiums would have on the area. He further stated the report was accepted by the Commission when it was submitted at that time.

"What we did was to take our Business Park and designed it around the natural state of the land. Of course, this report done a few years ago will have to be re-submitted. It would also have to re-identify these natural areas. What we will do is update that report."

If Beltrandi receives his zone change from the Town Council, it still would not allow the building of condominiums on the property. Beltrandi would have to receive a special permit from the Agawam Board of Appeals. This would call for a public hearing conducted by that Board. Beltrandi said it would be a major pitfall for his Business Park if the Appeals Board did not issue him a permit to build residential dwellings of the condominium variety on his Business Park site.

"We are proposing up to 300 units with 8 per acre", Beltrandi commented. The condominiums are designed to encircle the pond. There is not way we plan to hurt that pond in any way. In fact, we foresee the pond being used for swimming and ice skating. The pond is very clean right now but it does need some work. We want to make this area as pleasant as possible for people to live and play in", he added.

Planning Board member Harold Ellis feels the report submitted by the Conservation Commission to his committee will enhance his knowledge of the situation, especially since he is brand new to the Planning Board.

"I'm still very new to all this and welcome this kind of information from the Conservation Commission," Ellis declared. Ellis said there are many unsolved questions from his vantage point in the Beltrandi and Solitario proposals.

The Conservation Commission's due date for the Solitario report is March 15, two weeks prior to the Planning Board's scheduled public hearing. Lech said Planning Board Chairman, Ronald Huot asked the report on the Beltrandi proposal to be submitted by March 29.

Pack 75 Winter Carnival Success

On February 24th, the cub scouts of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, held their annual winter carnival in Woronoco. Under the direction of the boy scouts of Troop 75, events included sled pulling, snowman building, and snowball throwing.

For their combined effort and good imagination, Den 7 came in second in snowman building. The boys in this den are Christopher Duffy, Barry Gianetti, Chris Jarvis, Steven Jarvis, Danny Perry, and John Smidt. Congratulations to their Den Mother Darlene Perry.

In third place was a combination of dens working together. From Den 1 was Thomas Mesick along with his parents and Mark Lacienski and his parents; Den 9 was represented by Eddie Crowley; and Den 4 had Den Mother Dot Nardi helping her boys, Jim Nardi, Kevin Clark, and Peter Shannon.

A picnic was later provided with George Collins doing an excellent job of getting the boys hot dogs, hamburgers, kielbasa, and chips with some able assistance by Tom Mesick. A special thank you should go to the Lions Club for helping with the food.

There will be a pack meeting on Sunday, March 18, at the Parish Center from 2 to 4 o'clock. Refreshments will be supplied by Dens 4, 7, and 8.

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Editorials



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I would like to commend our Town Manager for his intelligent outlook on development of industry and business in the Town of Agawam. He is a professional man who obviously realizes the deep need for new sources of revenue for our community. I don't know very much about government or politics; I only know that we need a lot of things in our town that we don't have. We need things for our children, our senior citizens, we need more policemen, we need more firemen.

There are groups that have been organized recently against the closing of the town library and the fire station, and I must admit that I don't know enough about either to know whether they should have been continued open or should have been closed. But I guess a town isn't run any different than we run our household. We have 'X' amount of money coming in each week and if I'd like to have a new coat and we don't have the money, then I just wear the old one. And if we used to go on two weeks vacation but we can't afford it anymore, well, we just go for one week. You know what I'm taking about. You all have the same problems with the cost of everything going up with little or no money coming in. So I guess that I can understand the Town Manager's problem, because it is just like mine except it's bigger....much, much bigger.

Now at home when we get behind, I try to find a part time job to make up the difference, and I guess that all the Town Manager is trying to do in supporting business and industry developers is kind of just trying to give the town that little bit extra so that we can continue to pay the bills. I think we should consider ourselves fortunate to have a Town Manager like Peter Caputo. Give em hell, Harry; I mean Peter!!

F. Malanson
Feeding Hills

To the Editor:

I am a little disgusted so I decided to send in my thoughts to the Advertiser. In fact I changed my mind...I am damn mad! A democracy is a form of government where everybody has an opportunity to speak their peace. I am a tax payer and I have been involved in sending in a letter of this nature before.

My aggravation is mainly due to the fact that it seems that whenever I pick up the paper, we, the taxpayers are expected to shell out some more money for something the town needs. We got hit with a \$3 tax increase last year and from what I read in the newspapers, we can expect less help this year from our state and federal governments who are both trying to economize. I was startled when I read that the U.S. government was going to recognize Red China. Can you imagine? After Korea and Viet Nam that we are going to do business with Red China? But our country is in an economical bind and we need the oil and raw materials and we need a market for our products. It seems like when you're in trouble you have got to do what you have got to do. And in case anyone hasn't recognized it, we are in trouble in Agawam.

Our Planning Board, to the best of my knowledge, has

approved no more than two parcels of land in the last seven years for re-zoning for business or industry. On April 5th, the Planning Board will have brought before it a proposal for rezoning some large parcels of land in the Feeding Hills area. I hope that the members of the Planning Board recognize the simple fact that Agawam needs to begin here and now to develop a tax base. We can no longer sit by and allow the average home owner to pick up the burden of tax increases any longer. Those members of the Planning Board who have shown in the past their negative attitude about anything new in Agawam can expect to continue stumbling along with their eyes closed to our problems. I am in hopes that the newer members of the Planning Board will be progressive and be able to grasp the opportunity being placed before them to assist their fellow citizens, the taxpayers, by approving the zone change for the fifty million dollar Beltrandi development.

As I stated earlier, we need to begin to develop a tax base. If the U.S. government can recognize Red China, I think it is time some of the bigoted, narrow minded and prejudiced people in Agawam ought to recognize that Mr. Beltrandi can do the Town of Agawam some good. Let's take advantage of this opportunity. It may be one of our last!

M.G.
Agawam

To the Editor:

It appears that the Agawam Youth Center is in danger of being eliminated by our town manager, Peter Caputo. He is attempting to stop all funds to the Center from the town for the coming year.

The program was established in 1971 and has blossomed into a full-time organization. Recreational activities include white water rafting, rock and mountain climbing, hiking, canoeing, and backpacking. Also offered is a drug-abuse program, a first-aid program, general counseling, and an extensive recycling program. The entire program centers around the need for interpersonal relations between our youth. The children develop their own activities and, working together with responsibility for all, carry the program out.

There is a limited sports program in our town which is, simply, too competitively oriented. This aggressive "YOU MUST WIN" attitude does more harm than good. What is left for the kids that don't want to compete in high-pressure sports? ...the streets...drugs...alcohol?

The only alternative in town is the Agawam Youth Center, run by a competent staff of youth-oriented people.

The parents of Agawam recognize the benefits of the Center, which include everything from developing leadership ability to extensive first-aid training. (The lives of two Agawam residents have been saved by Center participants!!!)

The list is endless, as are the possibilities, and the town may lose it all.

It is in the best of the Town of Agawam to keep the Agawam Youth Center open. LISTEN Mr. Caputo, Listen Town Council!!!

Linda Crough

Dear Citizens:

On March 1, 1979, we had the occasion to call the ambulance for our young son. Within minutes the ambulance arrived with Police Officer Dan Ciak and Fireman John Hallock, EMT. Both acted promptly and efficiently, and we will always be very grateful to them.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Wheeler
44 North West Street

To the Editor:

On the original vote January 24, 1978, I opposed the addition to the High School with nine major points. Since then, all reports presented to the School Committee have reinforced my opposition. I refer to seven of those points made on January 24.

(1) The proposed addition of a 7000 sq. ft. space to the school library, when in fact a new 18,000 sq. ft. town library is located on school grounds is duplication and a waste of funds. The proximity of the new library to the high school would make for an ideal campus situation.

(2) I oppose the new industrial arts area since we are now in the Western Regional Occupational Collaborative, with acceptance of up to and possibly more than 100 students for training in occupational vocations. This will lessen the demand on the present facilities.

(3) The proposed addition of another gym station is duplication; the present gym goes beyond what I believe is needed for physical education needs.

(4) The total funding required will add only 5 classrooms, and room for only 150 more students for a capacity of 1400 students. The five new stations will require 5 more teachers at a minimum cost of \$50,000 a year in salaries, plus additional costs in materials, utilities, and maintenance.

(5) If space needs are the prime concern, then I believe the f45-15 year round school plan should be given consideration for a period of time until the larger classes pass through the high school. This plan has proven itself in many areas of the country, and has eliminated unnecessary school construction.

The high school enrollment for the next 4 years will increase to a high of 1393 but

thereafter decrease in 1983 to 1205 - far under the present 1252 students, and will continue to decrease until 1988 to 1192 with the present students enrolled in the Agawam School system.

(7) I'm in favor of a modest renovation program, and realize 20 years of traffic by 1200 pupils daily has brought about some needed rehabilitation. I cannot in conscience vote for a proposal that will add approximately 3½ million to our present school bonded indebtedness of \$4,200,000 a debt that will not be cleared until 1991.

The indebtedness totals will change since these points were made. The total costs from 3.5 million to 4 million, the indebtedness to eight million, and a 20 year bond from year 1991 to 1998 for all bond clearances.

The enrollment has now been substantiated by the Enrollment Study Committee that will soon make a report to this committee and also by this year's budget requests to eliminate 5 staff members because of declining enrollment. This decline will continue for several years, with a projected 700 fewer pupils in the school system by the year 1982-83. This in turn will possibly effect 20-25 staff members and close two schools.

This report will make strong recommendations to the School Committee that will definitely effect Agawam's school needs for many years in the future. I had asked that the committee members withhold any action on the high school plans until the Enrollment Study Committee makes its final report.

It has been stated that 65% of the total cost of this project is to meet accreditation standards. I question this statement. In the report of the Evaluation Committee of November 5-8, 1978, I found no recommendation for an addition or extensive renovations. Reference was made that construction was anticipated, but not as a specific recommendation. The committee did recommend that ways of utilizing the nearby town library be explored. This strengthens my concern about the School Library. Virtually all the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee referring to the school plant dealt with refurbishing, not an addition.

The final question is how the School Committee can approve a \$4 million expenditure when we are faced with declining enrollment, staff reductions and closing of schools in the immediate future.

Walter Balboni
School Committee Member

Observation/1979

The Months of Political Controversy

by Rick Sardella

1978 was perhaps the quietest year Agawam politics has experienced in a very long time.

The Town Council generated little attention or excitement. Peter Caputo, the replacement for James Westman as the Town Manager, administered fiscal affairs with virtually no public disapproval during his initial year as the head of local government. The unanimous roll call votes voiced from the Council indicated their pleasure in Caputo's performance.

In fact, things were getting plain boring in political circles during 1978. Most coffee shop dialogue discussed the Westman Wars that took place from 1972 - late 1977. Limited mention was made to current Town affairs, since not much was going on. This period of tranquility was something very uncustomary to a community often basking in political debate.

But suddenly, very suddenly, the town is again spinning in a pool of controversy. An avalanche of burning issues have buried the town since January 1. Agawam is back to normal.

Topping the political hit list during this barrage was a trio of proposed developments that sparked the emergence of numerous citizen groups strung together to fight these developments. A race track proposal; a request by local developer John Beltrandi to rezone 255 acres off South West Street for a huge business and residential park; and the Frank Solitario sponsored condominium complex on South Street have been subject to a vast amount of scrutiny from these citizen committee's.

A group calling themselves the Agawam Citizens' Together (ACT) are the most vocal. Many of the mini-groups around town have joined ACT to provide a stronger base of opposition to the developments. The race track threw in the towel just last week because public sentiment ran so high against it. What happens to the Beltrandi and Solitario proposition remains to be seen.

Caputo's closing of the Ottawa Street Fire Station ignited attack on his office. Shortly after the station shutdown, a major fire gutted a residential dwelling down the street from the former Ottawa Street location. A North Agawam group opposing the station shutdown have used this fire as ammunition to step up their campaign for the Station's reopening. They contend other stations in town cannot adequately protect their neighborhood. Caputo has remained steadfast in his decision.

Councilor Fred Nardi, who represents this precinct has asked the town's legal department to make a ruling on Caputo's authority to shut down public facilities. At press time, no decision has been rendered.

The Agawam Business Association (ABA) led by School Committee member Joseph Napolitan, is demanding an investigation of possible misuse of funds in the construction of the new town library. Napolitan has asked the town's Library Building Committee to submit a report to the ABA's ad hoc panel on the alleged discrepancies which surround the facility's construction.

Former Selectman and State Representative Walter Kerr's August challenge to the appointment of Stanley Chmielewski to the Police Chief's post, has surfaced in Hampden County Superior Court after an eight month delay. Chmielewski was appointed to the post last August when acting Chief Romeo Borgatti retired. Kerr contends that Chmielewski's appointment violates a January '78 referendum that rescinded the Town Council decision of 1976 to remove the chief's position from Civil Service. If Kerr's complaint is upheld, Chmielewski will have to compete with the department's other eligible officers for the Chief's position. A March 3rd hearing date to hear Kerr's complaint was rescheduled until March 19th.

Council President Richard Theroux was asked to resign by colleague Floyd Landers at a March 5th session of that body. Landers said Theroux withheld letters from citizens protesting the race track from fellow councilors. Landers accused Theroux of being pro-race track and demanded his resignation. Landers' statement drew loud applause from the modest crowd in attendance, many of whom maintain strong feelings against Theroux from his days as a Westman proponent. Thus far, Theroux has refused to step down.

The Planning Board has also been subject to the recent upheaval of political interplay. Their March 1st meeting at the compact Town Hall Hearing Room was packed with angry residents protesting the Beltrandi and Solitario proposals. Both developers were supposed to appear before the Board and discuss their proposals, but failed to step forward because of the hostile crowd.

Planning Board members have scheduled a public hearing on the Solitario scheme for March 29th. The Beltrandi Business Park is slated for an April 5th hearing. Both meetings are expected to be well attended by the ACT membership. Board Chairman Ronald Huot will have his hands full in attempting to maintain order of the hordes of residents expected to attend.

Jay Posnik, the town's chief legal counsel resigned March 7th in another incident. Although Posnik said his reason for resigning was to devote more time to his private practice, speculation among some observers believe the attorney "has had it" with the political situation in Agawam.

Posnik acquired the post seven years ago and was involved in many legal hassles during the Westman years. The recent rash of criticism rained upon Town Hall could have stimulated Posnik into issuing Caputo his surprise resignation.

The most recent episode that has caused anxiety against Caputo by some members of the community is his proposed dropping form the town budget funding for the Agawam Youth Center and the SPAN Center. Personnel at each facility are vehemently protesting Caputo's move. Whether the Manager can muster support from the Council to remove these organizations from the budget is not known at this time.

Many, many questions to effectively address the above issues also remain unanswered. One thing everyone can be certain of, all the elected officials involved will proceed with caution when rendering a public decision on them...the upcoming fall elections will ensure that. Until grass root answers and the future implications on the town can be fully explored, the rumors and hearsay surrounding the many controversies will proliferate.

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

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Superior Court Department Of The
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Hampden, SS.

Civil Action
No. 79-270

TO: NORMAN J. NARDI and DOROTHY NARDI, husband and wife, residing at 1201 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030; and AGAWAM TOWN EMPLOYEES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, a federally chartered credit union having its place of business at 381 Walnut Street, Agawam, MA 01001 and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended; WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering certain real estate situated in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, therein bounded and described as follows:

"a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being designated as Lot #1 (one), as shown on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 124, Page 99, said lot being bounded and described as follows:

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SOUTHERLY: by land now or formerly of Joseph P. Shibley et ux, one hundred forty-three and 84/100 (143.84) feet;

WESTERLY: by last named land, seventy-five and 44/100 (75.44) feet; and

NORTHWESTERLY: by a curved line by last named land, sixty-seven and 14/100

(67.14) feet. SUBJECT to restrictions, rights of way and easements of record if any are in force and applicable.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagees herein by deed of Westfield Savings Bank to be recorded herewith. Including as part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings at any time placed upon said premises and all elevators, pipes, oil burners, furnaces, heaters, hot water heaters, ranges, refrigerators, refrigerating apparatus, plumbing, gas and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, storm doors and windows, mantels, shades, awnings, and all other fixtures of whatever kind and nature at present or hereafter installed in or on the granted premises which renders such articles usable in connection therewith so far as the same are or can be by agreement of parties be made a part of the realty."

given by Norman J. Nardi and Dorothy Nardi, husband and wife, to the Plaintiff, dated April 6, 1973, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3790, Page 67, has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and by exercise of power of sale. If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure, you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Springfield on or before April 9, 1979 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, James P. Lynch, Jr., Esquire, Chief Justice of our Superior Court this 1st day of March 1979.
Edward G. Shea Clerk

Published: March 13, 1979

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Save the Center

by Connie Letendre
Agawam Youth Commission

The Agawam Youth Center wants to become a household word - and issue - throughout Agawam and Feeding Hills.

The Agawam youth Commission (presently 4 on a 7-member board), the AYC Parent Support Committee, and the Center staff numbered 32 concerned citizens at an important survival meeting held at the Center on March 5th.

Those who gathered realize that the Agawam Youth Center at 497 Springfield Street has a special alternative program of activities and experiences for 5 to 18-year-olds that simply is not provided by any other agency or program in town.

Town Manager Peter Caputo's austerity program, which follows the Town Council's directive for "economy" in fiscal 1979-1980 budget appropriations, signals the Center's doom - unless a majority of tax-paying residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills can encourage their councilors to support the Center.

To win this backing, the Parent Support Committee, together with the Youth Commission and the staff, has mobilized a Save the Center campaign. Their goal is to inform and assure their fellow residents and councilors that a functioning Agawam Youth Center is fully in the best interest of the town.

The Youth Center as it is known today was opened in December, 1975, through the cooperation of the Town of Agawam, the Agawam Citizens Organization, and the Center's director, 1978 Jaycee Man of the Year, George Schaler. The Agawam Youth Commission, whose members are appointed to a three-year term, is, in effect, the Center's Board of Directors and the liaison between the town administration and the Center.

During the past three years, Agawam has appropriated basic funding each to the Youth Center in the \$20,000 range. In 1977, the Town requested the Center to secure outside funding to decrease its financial dependence on Agawam. Director Schaler worked with Mr. Charles Benson of the Drug Abuse Foundation and Mr. William Grattan of the Department of

Mental Health and obtained federal grants totaling \$21,000 from both sources for the period July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979. Of this appropriation, \$15,000 represents additional monies awarded the Youth Center by the Department of Mental Health after the great success of a pilot program during March to October of 1978.

Any federally-funded program is reviewed and evaluated periodically (and prior to contract renewal) to determine its quality of performance in carrying out contract terms. A DMH Quality Assurance team has just evaluated the Youth Center on February 22nd. While an official report is pending, they continue to endorse the Center's program and propose that it can now manage a greater number of Agawam youth. With such state approval and financial support, can Agawam go wrong by continuing to support its own town department - the Agawam Youth Center?

These federal sources fund the Center because its quality activities and experiences offered to ALL Agawam/Feeding Hills youth constitute an effective PREVENTION program for those few who, without such activities, might turn in boredom and frustration to overuse of drugs and/or alcohol.

The Center operates extensive wilderness activities, general activities, a youth-staff in training program, and a paper-recycling program.

It presently employs a director, program coordinator, administrative assistant, and vocational counselor - these last two positions just made available by October's DMH funding. Recreational leaders and trained, volunteer youth staff work part-time when needed.

With all of these exciting programs and this professional, dedicated staff, it is hard for a participant in the Agawam Youth Center to find time for anything else. An achieved kayak slalom course, rock climb, caving expedition, First Aid, Life Saving or CPR course, even a campfire dinner promotes nothing but skill, discipline,

self-respect, and confidence and inspires motivation, cooperation, and friendship.

For all of this, the Town of Agawam has provided \$25,602 for the 1978-79 fiscal year. This pays for personnel (the director, program coordinator, and recreation leaders only) and non-personnel items such as supplies, rental of facility, heat, light, fuel, and telephone.

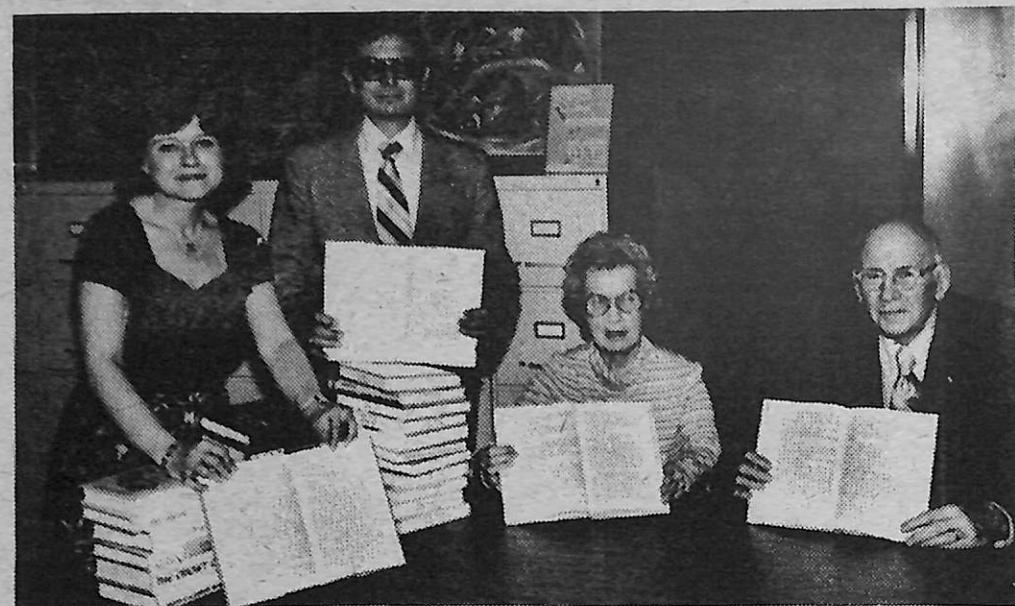
The PROPOSED Center budget of \$26,158, drawn up by the Youth Commission and the AYC staff for the coming 1979-80 fiscal year, is capped at only a 2% increase over the present '78-79 budget. Controllable expenses - materials and supplies - were actually cut. The 2% hike is the result of mandatory salary increases.

The proposed budget is in real danger of total defeat - and without town support, the Center will CLOSE. Outside sources only match base funds provided by the community.

Commission Chairperson Richard Merchant is relieved to say at this point that, despite difficulties, the Center has cleared its first budget hurdle. After much question whether their budget would even be considered, the Town manager has granted the Youth Center its "day in court."

Councilors Fieldstad (the chairperson), Landers, Laduzenski, and Serra make up the Budget Review Committee that will first preside over the Center's funding fate. At hearing's end, these councilors should know the Center, inside and out. Their conclusion is extremely important because it will be their recommendation to the full council regarding appropriations to the Youth Center for fiscal 1979-80.

Questioned on this issue on March 7th, Town Manager Peter Caputo said that he recommends complete cutting of the town support to the Youth Center. He explained that his recommendation to end funding only reflects the Town Council's push to economize, and that if he can see a demonstrated majority



The Agawam Lions Club recently donated money to the Agawam Library for the purchase of large print books for the visually impaired. Shown above are, from left, Donna Campbell, Librarian; Mr. Raymond Favreau, President of the Lion's Club; Miss Mae Longtine, and Mr. Lesslie W. Smith. photo by Jack Devine.

Scouts Attend Klondike Derby

Boy Scout Troop 75 of Feeding Hills recently took part in the Klondike Derby at the Moses Scout Reservation in Woronoco on February 3 and 4.

The Panther Patrol took third place out of a total of 29 sleds from West Springfield,

Westfield, Agawam, and the hill towns.

Members of the Panther Patrol are Todd Connery, Steven Pinette, Bob Schindler, Chris Tourville, and Bob Uschmann. Congratulations, boys!

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Lou Conte

Sign-ups Extended for Sacred Heart Sports

Father Paul Burns, 15 years of age will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the Parish Athletic Association, recently announced an extension of the signup period for the 1979 baseball-softball season. This Sunday, March 18th, will be the last opportunity for youngsters to sign up for the baseball-softball program with the S.H.A.A.

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There is a limit to the number of children who can sign up in the various leagues, so come early. Opening Day ceremonies are slated for Sunday afternoon, May 20.



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Mark the 78-79 hoop season as a good initiation for Lou Conte into the trials and tribulations of coaching on the varsity level.

His baptism, which began last November, found adversity facing his squad around every corner. From the opening tip-off of the season, the Brownies were seldom given a chance to breathe.

Agawam has bombed, shredded and blown away in the early stages of the schedule by Valley League powers Chicopee and Chicopee Comp.

Then came a humiliating 40 point setback to neighboring rival West Springfield on the Terriers home court. Heading into Valley Wheel competition, the locals were mired in an 0-5 slump. It was a tough start for a new coach.

"We really did take quite a going over in those first few games," the likable Conte said. "We had no rhythm to our offense, and the turnovers were killing us. I told the kids not to get discouraged and to try to remember fundamentals."

Patience, fundamentals and a steady road to improvement were Conte's law of the court. He attempted to imprint these traits into his players, especially after those early lop-sided setbacks.

Although there were times when Agawam returned to a rag-tag style of play, Conte molded an emotionally pressed ballclub into a competitive unit as the Wheel spun into the months of January and February. The highlight of the campaign came in the seasonal finale against West Springfield. The orange and brown had been smothered in the first meeting by the Terriers. A repeat performance would negate any feelings that the Brownies had salvaged the realm of respectability.

The largest and most vocal gathering of the home schedule witnessed a 65-59 victory by Agawam in a classic confrontation between

two ancient rivals with nothing at stake but pride. All the things Conte continually pounded into his charges since December were showcased by the hosts. The wild celebration in the Brownies locker room and the look of satisfaction Conte wore told everyone that the season was far from failure.

Speaking of the future, many people look to Conte as the engineer of Agawam's re-entry into the top of the Valley Wheel. This feeling stems from the job he did this season and his overall attitude in directing the Brownies fortunes.

The attitude which accompany's Conte emanates from being associated with a winner. It was just eight years when a 5' 10" Brownie guard was tossing home 20 footers at a rate earning him All Western Mass honors and his squad a berth in post season play. This was just a carry over of the winning tradition that trademarked Agawam basketball throughout the 60's.

Ithica College, the Cape Cod and Tri-County baseball leagues have also reaped the rewards of Lou Conte's presence following his departure from the high school in 1971. In fact, the local hoop scene on the inter-scholastic level has never matched the success of Conte's years on the varsity. He and his peers made certain tournament berths and winning seasons were the rule and not the exception in those days.

At 25, Conte is the youngest coach in Western Mass. The rebuilding of the high school program needs his kind of approach. Its a big task. The respect and admiration his players show for him certainly won't hurt.

"I always wanted to coach in the college ranks, but after this season, I really feel settled now and enjoy the closely knit feelings that develops on the high school level. I really enjoyed this season and am looking forward to many more," Conte said in closing.

"It certainly was a nice way to end the season," Conte said. "I was very happy for all the kids, especially the seniors. They really wanted to this one very badly."

The decision over West Springfield was Agawam's sixth compared to fourteen losses. The major pitfalls which caused the vast amount of disappointments, for Conte was a distinct lack of height and a thinness on the bench. To hopefully compensate, Conte utilized a deliberate style of attack to slow the game's tempo to a more workable pace. Playground running and racing did not fit into Conte's battle plan.

"We really did not have the kind of ballclub that could play a Celtics kind of ball. All the people in Massachusetts love to run and gun but when we did this, we ran into all kinds of problems. I stressed patience and work the clock until we had a good shot."

The process was a painful one at times for Agawam. Inconsistency on the backboards and sprees of turnovers put frustration's mask on the players in many crisis situations. Conte often looked to the heavens for condolence as the scoreboard swelled in the opposition's favor. But he refused to break with his philosophy.

And at times, it payed off. A fine win over East Longmeadow secured in the waning moments and a couple of strong showings against league champion Longmeadow gained Agawam the type of respect Conte was in search of. Double victories against South

Hadley and Ludlow were attributed to a fluent, patterned offense.

When rebounding broke down and the errant passes and traveling violations mounted, the locals often would revert to disorganized tactics that served only to bust close games wide open.

"I realized at the beginning of the season we would have to play excellent ball to go over the five hundred mark. The height and depth just wasn't there so it would take us using our heads to win ball games."

Conte did get plenty of mileage out of juniors Abe Yacteen and Rick LeClerk, a couple of scrappy cookies in action off the glass. Usually as the game moved into its later stages, foul trouble or just plain fatigue from battling opposing muscle or jumping jacks would take a toll on the twosome. Unless both Yacteen and LeClerk were operating at full frequency, the Brownies chances were near nil.

"I'll give them all the credit in the world, they played their hearts out", Conte lauded. "I'm really looking forward to have Rick and Abe back next season."

Add ballhandling guard Jerry Quill, a decent crop of performers coming from the junior varsity and perhaps, a big man from the freshman ranks, Conte could find himself in a far superior position once his second season at the helm gets underway.



The Agawam Athletic Association's 8-10 basketball team 'Curran Jones' is pictured above. Front row, from left to right: Rick Licence, Tom Smith, Ed Crowley, Steve Bilodeau, and Ken Messenger. Second row, same order: Jim Crowley, John Kovalsky, Tom Denardo, Steve Grasso. Third row: Kevin Maznison, Scott Maznison, and Charles Grasso.

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Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

Saturday, March 4th, the Massachusetts ABC, a group of bowhunters, held their second annual banquet. Dignitaries present were Rep. Edward Connelly, Vic Anop, who was the representative for the organized sportsmen of the Commonwealth, and Frank Sousa, outdoor scribe.

Two members, John Tangredi and Noel Brown, were inducted into the club's Hall of Fame for their acumen in bowhunting. The Doc Pisano Big Buck Award was given to Sam Salem for the largest buck taken with a bow for 1979.

This latter award is aptly named in honor of a man who is the forerunner in Agawam in the art of shooting with the bow and arrow. Doc shot in competition with the best archers in the country at the National Archery Association's national championships that were held each year at Springfield College.

The Massachusetts Conservation Camp is now taking applications for this summer's enrollment. Membership is open for youngsters between 14 and 17.

This year the camp is slated for June 24 to July 7 with a cost of \$120 for the two-week period. Many garden clubs, sportsmen's clubs, civic organizations, and conservation commissions sponsor youths to the camp. To reserve a place, the potential



camper or sponsor should write the Conservation Camp office, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Westboro, MA 01581 or call (617) 366-4479.

One of the best sportsmen's shows will be held March 14-18 at the Sheraton Convention Center, Boxborough, Mass. A large number of tackle manufacturers will be on hand, and a notable in any outdoor sport will be available to the public for consultation.

Seminars will be held at announced times in rooms off the main hall and will cover fishing, tackle, sonic devices, and related material. There will be displays of lodges and camps, hunting exhibits, retailers, fishing boats, motors, sportsmen's clubs, and conservation organizations.

Parking is free and admission to the show and all clinics is only \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. The show hours are 2-10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, March 14-16; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 17; and noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 18.

Agawam Flyers Defeat Top Team

A three goal "hat trick" by John Bashonski this past weekend gave the Agawam Flyers (10-12B) a much needed win over South Hadley to keep their hopes alive in a bid for a play-off position.

Helping John score his second hat trick of the season were Ray Bronner and Jeff Hill.

In a tough physical game the Flyers were forced to play short-handed on several occasions and in each case were able to halt South Hadley's attack.

The line of John Farrell, Andrew Conway and Ron Augusti played excellent hockey narrowly missing on several attempts.

Mark Petrucci, Brian Murphy, and Tom Beaulieu were very effective through-

out the game. They had an excellent scoring bid on a breakaway with Mark hitting Tom with a pass that almost connected.

The defense, consisting of Larry Manning, Ron Benoit, Greg Daniels, and Russ Stetson, played a strong game. Dave Mahoney and Craig Quagliini continue to play good offensive and defensive hockey, changing as needed.

After tying West Side 2-2 earlier in the week, and coming from a 4-0 deficit for a 4-3 loss to Holyoke, coach Richie Hill feels the team will pull out a play-off spot.

Coach Hill has two suggestions for finishing off the season: one is that Jeff and Russ keep their on bench warm, and the other is that Shawn have no more assists!

Blackhawks In Strong Second

In a game which could have been called the "Kevin Mercadante Show," the 10-12 A Blackhawks, coached by Ed Drewnowski, rolled over East Longmeadow 8-0.

Kevin scored 6 goals, a new high for the team. He was assisted by Erik Blanchard, Joe Dussault, Paul Ferraro, and Peter Sibilia.

Dennis Drewnowski scored the other two goals, with assists going to Dean Liptak, Jay Passerini, and John Spellacy. Dave Liptak got another shutout from a fine performance in goal.

In a game played outside of the league, the Blackhawks

played very well against the Enfield All-Stars, Connecticut state champs in the 10-12 division.

The game was tied going into the third period, but then Enfield pulled ahead to stay. The final score was 5-3.

Goals for Agawam were scored by Kevin Mercadante



The Agawam Hockey Association's 12-14 entry is pictured above. Kneeling, from left to right: Gary Webster, Rick Cassese, Peter Borrello, Mike Moccio, Craig Castonguay, John Sklott, Bobby Eggleston, and Tony Serra. Back row, same order: Albert Sapelli, coach; Mike Lazazzera, Paul Wood, Fran Owczarski, Mike Chagnon, David Bell, Greg Mercure, Jeff Racine, Jerry Ferrendino, and Frank Rondoletto. Missing were Brian Struck and Tom DalMolin, assistant coach. picture by Jack Devine.

Southwick Hockey News

Southwick's 8-10 Police team had two big wins over the March 3-4 weekend in their bid for a playoff spot.

Southwick beat East Longmeadow 3-0, scoring all three goals in the third period. One goal went to Russell Sabadosa, and two went to Patrick McDonnell, with all three assists going to Robbie Haramut. Goaltenders Stacy Neill and Joey Gentry were very sharp in the net.

Southwick also beat East Springfield 5-1, with goals by Sabadosa (3) and one each by McDonnell and Skip Hathaway. Assists went to Joey Gentry, Robbie Haramut, Danny Champiny, Russell Sabadosa, and two for Patrick McDonnell. Chuck Wilson was outstanding on defense.

Immediately after the game, the Lean Mean Geen Machine went to a scheduled practice and worked out vigorously.

The Southwick 10-12 Firemen lost a tough game 3-1

when the game was stopped due to an injury to Southwick's goalie Bobby Davidson, who was taken out on a stretcher when he was jammed into the pipe. Steve Galvin scored the lone goal, his second within two games.

Southwick's 12-14 Chuck Steak House team edged out East Longmeadow 4-3 in an excellent skating and hard-hitting game by all the players. Two goals were scored by Doug Sullivan and one each by Gene Davidson and Darren O'Clair. Captain Don Furlani and Gary Delcamp were excellent on defense, while goalie Chris Sheldon had a good game in the net.

The VFW 14-16 team won both their games, beating Ludlow 3-2 and East Springfield 5-4. Glenn Wuerthele scored the hat trick. Scott Wolfe and Tim Snow had terrific games, which were both exciting and hard-fought.

Troop 75 Seeking Articles for Donation

Boy Scout Troop 75 of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, is in need of any odds and ends such as boy scout uniforms, tents, and camping equipment that anyone may wish to donate to the troop. Please call Raymond D. Foley at 786-1381 or Tom Tourville at 786-2444 anytime after 5 o'clock.

This troop along with Pack 75 of the cub scouts will be having a paper drive on Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1st, Rain or Shine.

If you wish to have your papers picked up on these dates, please call either 786-1381 or 786-5481.

Hockey Raffle Winners

The Agawam Hockey Association held its annual raffle drawing this past weekend. First prize of \$150, was won by S.A. Caranchini; second prize of \$75, was won by H. Thompson, and third prize of \$50, was won by Peggy Benoit. The monies taken in from the raffle will be used for the Association's annual trip to Montreal, Canada. The teams will be traveling north the weekend of April 27-29th.

Ways and Means Chairman Dick Mercure thanks all those who were most generous in their support of the annual raffle.



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The Agawam A.A.'s Christy's Plumbing 8-10 basketball team is pictured above. Front row, left to right: Jeff Govoni, Pete Vecchiarelli, Justin Zabik, and Brian Boulay. Second row, same order: James Helton, Alister Fairlie, and Mike Egan. Third row: Todd Swenor, Bob Josephson, and Keith Josephson.



Chriscola's Farm, another 8-10 basketball team is shown above. Front row, left to right: Larry Marquis, Paul Poole, David Marquis and Eddie Cabana. Second row, same order: Mike Gregory, Ray LeClair, and Patrick Tangredi. Third row, Larry Marquis, Blb LeClair and Carl Poole.



Touching All Bases

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

They say the only thing closer to a baseball player than his contract is his glove. While not many of us have to worry about contracts, there are certain ways that you are able to condition your glove for the upcoming season. Listed below are the various methods of conditioning your glove that I've heard over the past few seasons.

—One of the most popular ways of breaking-in a glove is to put a baseball in the glove and put it under your mattress for the night. The most important part is that you fold the glove the way you want it to close before placing under the mattress.

Although less practical, many advocates of this method claim the shaving cream lengthens the life of the glove. I've seen players spray the glove with shaving cream, let it soak in, then wipe the glove clean. This is one method I'm not sure I'd try with an expensive glove.

—A rather risky method is to soak the glove with water, and at the same time roll a baseball around the palm and webbing of the mitt. After a few minutes of soaking, place the glove in the freezer. Once it's thoroughly frozen, allow time for the mitt to thaw. The glove will have a better shape and texture to it - so they say. Once again, I would hesitate using this method as you may find your \$45 glove has fallen apart while in the deep freeze.

—Another way of preparing your glove for the season is to place three balls in it, then tie the glove shut with two pieces of string. After securing the glove shut, place the mitt in a bucket of water overnight, removing the glove, next morning. After removing the glove from the water, let it dry for two or three days with the balls still inside.

—A method which supposedly leaves the glove softer and with a better texture is to use shaving cream instead of oil.

—Believe it or not, one of the strangest methods I've seen is to pour a cup of coffee into your glove. Big Leaguers like Craig Nettles use this process. It supposedly helps the ball stick better in the glove, and is repeated often during the course of the season.

I still prefer the simplest ways, glove oil or simply by repeatedly using it. Soon or later the glove will break itself in, without any complicated method of conditioning.

Army Presents Martial Arts Clinic at High School

Two of the Army's top martial arts experts are scheduled to conduct a day long clinic for the students at the Agawam High School on March 19th at 9:00 am. The military black belt holders will show students the fine points of two separate forms of the martial arts. One on the Tae Kwon Do (Korean Karate) form and the other on Judo (Yodan).

During their visit at the school, students will have the opportunity to watch Sergeant Philip Charles Van Treese of Ft. Richardson, Alaska demonstrate a few of his techniques in Judo which have brought him first place at eight competitive meets around the country, three second places, and one third place. Since 1972, Sergeant Van Treese has competed in such events as the USA Senior Nationals, the Pan-American Games, Eastern Collegiate

Nationals, and the Asian Games held in Malaysia.

Adding to the day's activities, Sergeant Eugene R. Allen of the 10th Special Forces at Ft. Devens, Mass. will give highlighting points on the Korean form of Karate called Tae Kwon Do. Sergeant Allen, who holds the 3rd Degree Black Belt, has been into the martial arts for more than eight years and has lectured and taught Karate to numerous students throughout the country.

The two martial arts experts were invited to Agawam by Staff Sergeant Allen Cudd, the local Army Recruiter. Sergeant Cudd indicated that Agawam High School is the only school in Western Mass. where the team will visit. He also indicated that the public is welcome to stop in and view the special clinic.

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agreed upon was not adhered to, and the board certainly cannot resolve anything unless all the questions are asked."

Rene Thomas replied, "we tried to satisfy all concerned; it that's at all possible in this town."

Some of the statements in answer to questions from the Review Board by Library Building Committee chairman Fieldstad were as follows:

—The architect for the Cooper Street library project, Alfred Casella, was hired by a previous building committee. None of the members of the previous building committee were appointed to the current committee.

—The Building Committee originally recommended a \$990,000 two-story library which the Town Council voted against because of the cost factor. A single story \$800,000 library was then agreed upon as a compromise move.

—School Committee members viewed plans for a two story library and voted 6-0

against it. The general consensus of the school committee, however, was to use the central library concept. All the building committees plans had to be approved by the School Committee.

—School Committee members were aware when voting that they were voting for a single story library.

—Project architect Alfred Casella's fee was determined by a state schedule, set up by BBC. State schedule listing for an architect's fee is eleven and a half percent. Casella's fee for the Cooper Street Library was eleven and nine-tenths percent of the total project.

—There is no EDA penalty for cost overrun. All unspent federal monies has to be returned to EDA. \$72,914.43 remains in the project account after completion of the library according to Fieldstad.

The Library review board will officially adjourn on March 11th and a report with their findings is expected to be filed with the Town Manager by the end of the month.

Ham and Bean Supper Slated

A family style Ham and Bean Supper with everything cooked by the Mr. and Mrs. Club will be held on Saturday, March 17 at the Agawam Baptist Church. Serving times will be at 5 and 6:15 p.m. The menu will consist of

baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, assorted homemade pies, coffee, tea, or milk. Tickets will be \$3.25 for adults and \$1 for children under 10. For reservations, please call 786-7410 or 786-1977.

School Committee Accepts

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addition of five classrooms and renovations on approximately one-third of the existing building.

Voting in favor of accepting the plans were committee members Roberta Doeing, Tom Ennis, Venetta Snyder, and chairman Richard Borgatti.

School Business Manager James Coon noted that addition and renovations were necessary because at the present time, "99% of the school is constantly in use as compared to the national norm of 85%." Coon also noted that state standards allow for 120-125 square feet of space per student, with a maximum of 150 square feet. He said that at the present time, Agawam High allows only 90-92 square feet of space per pupil. "The children are paying the price," Coon said.

Voting against acceptance of the plans were Joseph Napolitan, Jesse Fuller and Walter Balboni.

Napolitan and Balboni both voiced concern at the declining enrollment figures that were released recently. Both said they felt that the

possibility of empty classrooms in the near future didn't warrant spending \$4 million.

Coon indicated that at the present rate, the high school enrollment would not drop below 1200 students "for ten or eleven years." He said that studies have shown that families moving into Agawam "are doing so with older children...the upper grades have been growing continually."

Dr. Ernest Cannava, Superintendent of Schools said, "what we are doing now was recommended eight or nine years ago. We have inadequate science rooms and an inadequate media center. This expansion is being done out of necessity."

Committee member Jesse Fuller questioned the need for the \$4 million price tag. She noted that she had received several calls from citizens who wanted the line held at \$2.5 million for the project.

Town Manager Peter Caputo and the State Board of Education must both now approve the plans before construction may begin.

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Our Girl on the Street, Gail Loncto asked:

Is there a solution to vandalism and marijuana use in our schools?



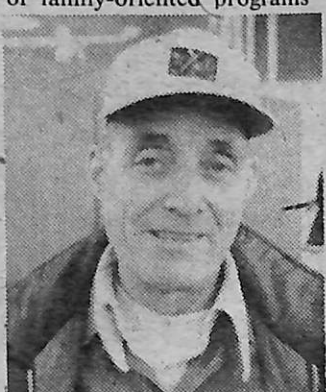
Mrs. Loren Clark
"I think the problem is going to be worse if the Youth Center is closed. I think parents have to have more control of their children; know where they are, who they're with, and what they're doing. Those caught vandalizing should be expelled, not suspended, and the kids should have to pay for the damages, not the parents. The kids should be held responsible for their own behavior."



Debbie Meucci
"I don't think there's a solution to marijuana use in the schools. There's so much of it floating around, you can get it anywhere. If the kids had some place to go at night and were off the streets, it would help to control the vandalism."



Dorothy Muldrew
"I think it's here and everywhere, but we've got to get the mommies to stay home to know what their children are doing and guide the future citizens instead of just being busy with their own thing."



Frank Bovat
"I think the police department and the school need extra help; also, the citizens need to help them."



Andrea Weiners
"Discipline has got to start in the home. These kids are out all hours of the night. It's the parents responsibility to know where they are. Schools try to do something; they contact the parents, and the parents don't back them up. Parents should pay for any damage their children do. They will watch their kids more closely after having to pay for damages."

Theresa Slaiman
"I think we need to hire someone in the schools to work undercover."

Ellen Tisdell
"I would think the school would be able to do something about marijuana use by educating the students by explaining the dangers of it and how it affects your body."

John Capponcelli
"I think there should be stricter enforcement of the laws. I think if the children are caught vandalizing the school, their parents should have to make full restitution and the children should be held accountable for their actions. If they destroy property, they should be made to work it off in the school. They have to be held fully responsible for their actions."



Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

While the avian population has benefitted from man's presence on the whole, the advancement of civilization has made it harder for many species to find adequate nesting. By providing man-made housing for the birds, one can expect to see more and varied species around the house.

While it is not difficult to build a birdhouse, it is necessary to keep a number of points in mind. Birds will not nest just anywhere, and there are certain steps which must be taken to attract the desired residents.

First, I strongly advise using only untreated, natural materials. Some paints and stains can be poisonous to the birds and may even repulse them. Plain wood or bark-covered slabs will usually work the best. The fewer nails used, the less bother it will be to clean the house in the fall. With any enclosed house, it is a good idea to drill a few holes in the floor for drainage.

Because different birds are attracted to different structures, it would be impossible to list all the requirements for all types of housing. This column will describe a type of housing easily modified for either the black-capped chickadee, tufted titmouse, or the nuthatch. Other birds may be attracted by altering the floor size, entrance size, or other specifics. Read up on the nesting habits of the bird you would like to attract, or write a note to the Advertiser/News requesting help.

Our nesting box will consist of a floor measuring 4 inches by 4 inches and a front measuring 4 inches by 8-10 inches. The sides should be about 4 inches wide with tapered tops to support a slanting roof.

The roof will be attached to the back by a hinge and should extend beyond the front to protect the entrance from the elements. The back is one larger piece of wood onto which the rest of the structure is nailed. The back should be nailed to a tree.

An entrance hole must be cut into the front. The diameter of this circle is very important. The black-capped chickadee will seek an entrance of 1 1/4 inches, while the other two will require an entrance of 1 1/2 inches. The birds like to know that they will fit through the opening and that nothing larger will. In all three cases, the entrance should be placed 6 to 8 inches above the floor.

When the house is ready for the outdoors, choose a sturdy tree. The height at which the house is placed is very important. For the chickadee and/or titmouse, place it 6 to 15 feet from the ground. The nuthatch will want it to be from 12 to 20 feet from the ground.

Once the house is secured to the tree, you must sit back and see what develops. Hopefully, you will attract springtime residents and be able to watch the courting, mating, and raising procedures at close range.

Lions Dinner Slated

The Lions Club of Agawam will hold their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper, Wednesday, March 14th at the Agawam Middle School.

Servings will be from 5 to 7 p.m. that evening. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Support your Lion's Club and

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Mercury's Marathon

by Charles Duclos

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Their son Bob, and his wife, Fran, joined the organization in the mid-fifties and much later by one of their daughters, Karen, who serves as office manager and customer relation's coordinator.

Although busy on a daily basis, major holidays demand

additional assistance to meet the challenges of the time. The working ranks, composed of long-time friends and relatives, swell to the occasion and meet the needs of the customers who either come to the shop personally, or telephone or telegraph in their orders.

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CAMP 1979

Cannon Design Inc., 137 Chestnut Street, Springfield, has announced its second Cannon Annual Mural Project (CAMP 1979) a juried competition of mural designs by high school students, grades 10-12, in the Greater Springfield area. The first award winning designing worth \$300 will be executed on the exterior wall of the offices and studio of Cannon Design at Apremont Triangle. Two merit awards of \$50 each will also be presented.

CDI studio director Christ Kamages explains that "symbolizing the changing environment of our community, CAMP 1979 will place anew mural in the same location as that of our highly successful 1978 first award winning mural by Francine Jasinski of Cathedral High."

He continued, "Our objective in sponsoring CAMP is to stimulate interest of young people in creative urban planning and design. Through the ideas and images incorporated within their

designs, high school students of the Greater Springfield area are given an opportunity to contribute to the renewal of the community by visually expressing their feelings about the spirit that should characterize this particular place."

A brochure describing design submission requirements and all other details of the competition is being distributed through participating high schools which, in addition to Springfield schools, include Agawam, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Palmer, Monson, and Minnechaug.

Other participating high schools are West Springfield and Westfield as well as Enfield, Farmington, and Somers in Connecticut.

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Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Many people nowadays are interested in starting their garden plants from seeds. This whole project is not only a lot of fun, but it's a lot easier in this day and age than it was in the past. There are artificial soil mixtures, plastic sheeting, and artificial light which make things a lot easier for the home gardener. It is almost impossible to duplicate greenhouse conditions in the home although we can come fairly close. Remember then it is better to start your seedling just a little later than the greenhouse grower would on most things. The time between March 1 and April is best suited to seedling most any flowers or vegetables.

The best soil to use for seedling is an artificial mixture available at almost any nursery or garden supply store. These mixtures are "sterile" and eliminate almost all "damping off" problems. Vermiculite can also be used with success.

Any type of container can be used such as clay pots, cake tins, milk cartons, egg cartons, plastic pots, cupcake pans, or anything that will hold the seedling mixture. Any container used should have drainage holes in the bottom. When buying seed, try only to buy fresh seed. Also, brand name seed will probably give you better results. Seed from hybrid plants from last year will not come "true" from seed. It is best to buy your seed.

When you are ready to sow your seed, fill your chosen container with seedling mixture and moisten the mixture with tepid water. It is best to sow the seed in pre-marked rows. Sow the seed thinly in these rows - tiny seeds can be covered very thinly and larger seed can be covered lightly, but not more than twice the diameter of the seed.

Cover the container with clear plastic or slid the container into a clear plastic bag and tie the end shut. This will help retain enough moisture until your seed germinates. As soon as you see growth, remove the plastic so your seedlings can get fresh

air. Try to keep your seeds warm until they germinate; about 68-75 degrees is good. Once your seeds germinate, keep them slightly cooler: 60-65 degrees is best.

Seedlings need light to grow and window sills this time of year are not bright enough. Try to use some type of artificial light to aid in their growth. Fluorescent lights are best. Suspend them 4-8 inches over the seedlings and operate the lights at least 16 hours a day. You can also allow your seedlings to get natural light for the day and then run the artificial light for an additional 4-5 hours afterward.

Keep the seedlings moist (damp) but not wet. The tiny plants can be transplanted into their own separate containers when they have grown their second set of leaves (four leaves total).

It is best to feed the plants lightly with a water soluble fertilizer.

When it is time to set your plants outdoors in the ground, they must be hardened off first. This will help prevent shock to the tiny plants. To do this, you must reduce the amount of watering and reduce the temperature for about a week before planting outdoors. Another way to harden off your plants is to reduce watering a bit and set them outdoors in a protected spot for 2 or 3 hours the first day, for 3 or 4 hours the second day, and for about 5 hours the third day. Continue this for a week or ten days before you plant. Do not leave them out overnight right away.

When you have your seedlings outside, be sure they don't dry out. The air outside can rob the containers of moisture very quickly.

Herbs can be seeded exactly the same way or they can be seeded outside directly in the ground. Most herbs are perennial and do best if seeded outside. Annual herbs can be seeded outside directly also or started ahead of time indoors. KEEP SMILING! JMC

Should You Have A Will?

Should you make a will? That will be the topic of an upcoming Hampden County Extension Service program Wednesday, March 28, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Extension Offices, 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. The session, which is free and open to the

public regardless of race, color or national origin, will be conducted by Helen Roberts, Extension Family Economics Educator. Areas covered will include: why make a will, what is a will, who should have one, what are the advantages and how do you go about the process.

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Senior Citizens Day At Home Show

Senior Citizens Day will be observed Friday, March 16, at the 26th annual Western Massachusetts Home Show, according to Joseph R. Kakley, chairman.

The Home Show will be held March 14-19 in the Better Living Center, Exposition Park, West Springfield. Hours are 5 to 10 p.m. on March 14, 15, and 19, and 1 to 10 p.m. March 16-18.

All senior citizens will be admitted to the Home Show free of charge between 1 and 5 p.m. on Friday, March 16,

with proper identification, such as a senior citizen or social security card or driver's license.

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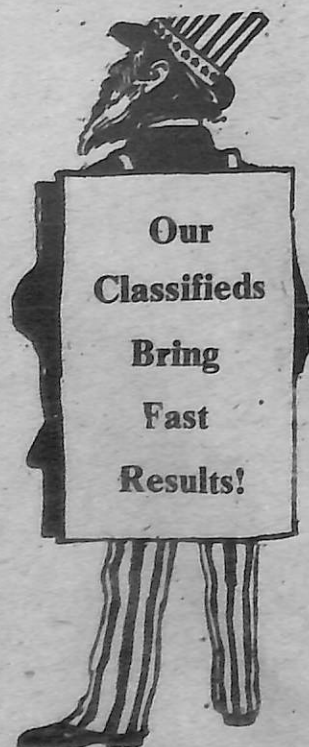
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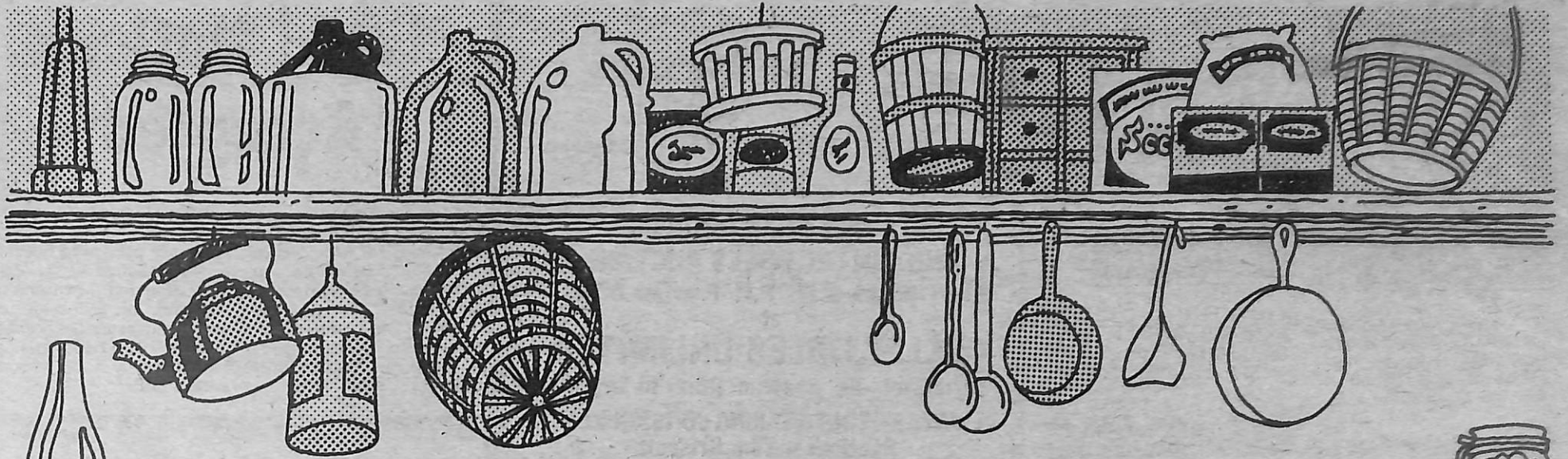
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